



Cross Contemporary Partners is pleased to present Kaethe Kauffman's virtual 3-D Solo Exhibition of archival ink-jet prints on silk and plexi-glass hanging sculptures. Ms. Kauffman's "Muscle Movement" is a series of conceptual photographs presenting close-up images of various body parts—mainly neck, shoulders, and back—with the record of the movement of the muscle group marked in paint on the surface of the body. Begun about twenty years ago, this series of work continues up into the present. In more recent works, Kauffman makes use of photoshop to add color and superimpose texts over the photographs.

Kauffman conceived of the idea for the Muscle Movement series during a yoga class, when, expressing amazement at how the muscles of various participants struggled to move into position, she devised a more direct way than drawing for depicting this complicated movement. She creates these images by tying painted strings around muscles of her models, instructing them how to rotate the muscle, and then photographing the resulting imprint. These images, in turn, are replicated and organized in patterns that are then printed on a large scale as silk banners.

Other works include transparent paintings on plexiglas that, suspended from the ceiling, seem to float in the air. Based on sitting meditation, each artwork impart a transcendence and impermanence that is the essence of pure being.

Kauffman has also taught anatomy for artists and has been inspired by Michelangelo's anatomy studies in her work. Her appreciation of the intricacies of muscle movement amounts to wonder. While most people take for granted the complex movements of their muscles, Kauffman praises the unseen forces at work under the skin.

Kaethe Kauffman has had solo exhibitions at Czech Museum of Fine Arts, (Prague, CZE), University of Nebraska, (Omaha, NE), Frostburg State University, (Frostburg, MD), Berry College (Berry, GA), Hardin Center for Cultural Arts (Gadsden, AL), Hofstra University Museum, (Hempstead, NY), Walter Wickiser Gallery and Kathleen Cullen Gallery, (New York, NY) among many others. She currently lives in Honolulu, Hawaii.

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